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Lake reopens after oil spill

The province is reopening Gleniffer Lake tomorrow for recreational use after 32,000 litres of oil leaked from a ruptured pipe owned by Calgary-based Pembina Pipeline Corp. into the Red Deer River last week.

About 200 barrels of crude leaked into the river, which forced the recreational lake and its cottage community to shut down.

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Taft decision tomorrow

Alberta Liberal Leader Kevin Taft will make his decision about his leadership official at a news conference tomorrow in the legislature, Metro has learned.



Kevin Taft

A source with the Liberals wouldn't say whether Taft will step down as leader since Alberta's head of the official opposition has been tight-lipped even with members of his own party.

Speculation swirled since Taft's two-week vacation during a busy spring session that he was going to step down after suffering a major defeat at the hands of Alberta voters.

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Going for gold

Edmonton triathlete Paul Tichelaar slows down to talk about his Quest for Olympic gold yesterday in Hawrelak. The Beaumont-raised Tichelaar will represent Canada at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing this summer. See story, page 12.

'Dirty' oil 'offensive'

Evans responds to U.S. resolution to ban province's oil

By JEFF CUMMINGS
Metro Edmonton

Don't call Alberta's oil "dirty," a visibly upset Alberta Finance Minister Iris Evans said yesterday in wake of a resolution passed this week by U.S. mayors to get American cities to stop using fuel that has been produced from the province's oilsands.

"Oh, I wish I could talk to all of them one-on-one," said Evans. "For one thing it offends me deeply to hear people say 'dirty oil' ... I think that is highly offensive."

A number of mayors passed a resolution at an annual conference in Miami on Monday to urge American cities to ban gasoline in municipal vehicles that has been produced by Alberta's oilsands.

The resolution claims the development of fuel from the oilsands threatens forests and releases three times as much greenhouse gases as conventional oil.

The mayors also allege that developing a barrel of oil produced from the oilsands produces three times more carbon dioxide compared to conventional oil.

"I am continually reminded that people in Alberta — as well as certainly people in the United States — do not

really comprehend the good things that have been done in Alberta, and that's an elephant in the room, the lack of knowledge," said Evans.

Alberta NDP Leader Brian Mason said the province has "magnified" its dirty-oil dilemma by doing a poor job with respect to the environment in the Fort McMurray region.

"Their negligence may put Alberta's environmental future at risk," said Mason.

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plan of action

» Energy Minister Mel Knight said he will soon announce new plans in capturing and storing greenhouse gas emissions produced in Alberta's oilsands.

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Alberta's coffers still overflowing

Oil prices push surplus above expectations

By **JEFF CUMMINGS**
Metro Edmonton

Alberta is continuing to roll in the dough as it ended the 2007-2008 fiscal year with \$4.6 billion in surplus cash thanks to record oil prices and a booming population.

Despite record spending and a \$9 billion surplus last year, this fiscal year's surplus is \$550 million more than what the Tory government predicted this spring when it released the 2008 budget.

And the there would have been even more extra cash if it wasn't for flat natural gas prices, a soaring Canadian dollar and a drop in Crown land lease sales, said Alberta Finance Minister Iris Evans at

news conference yesterday. "Our revenues have changed very little over the last year with very little growth — they've been quite flat for the last three years," said Evans.

The government will follow its own policy by putting one third of its surplus into savings and the rest into capital construction projects Evans says are badly needed because of the province's growth.

"While we have spent a lot of money — both this year and last — it's true, we have added in our value to Albertans," said Evans.

"I think we've got a situation where Albertans are well-served."

While critics say the gov-

ernment is spending more rather than saving for the future, Evans says the province's Heritage Savings Trust Fund has reached a record value of \$17 billion even though an \$827 million

hit because of a few difficult investments.

The government has put nearly \$4 billion into the fund over the last three years.

"In Alberta, we are reliant on

luck more than anything else," said Alberta Liberal finance critic Laurie Blakeman about the Tory government's financial planning.

"(People on the street) really believe we are not saving enough money, they are really concerned about that."

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Liberal finance critic
Laurie Blakeman

Shakespeare **As You Like It**



All the world's a stage, and Tess Degenstein and Kevin Corey (Audrey and Touchstone from Shakespeare's classic comedy *As You Like It*) prove it yesterday afternoon just hours before the opening night show at Hawrelak Park. Freewill Theatre's Shakespeare in the Park runs until July 20 at the park's Heritage Amphitheatre. Tickets are \$20.

Transit riders union urges 24-hour service

A group of concerned transit riders is speaking out about the future of public transportation.

The Transit Riders' Union of Edmonton (TRUE) has released "The Shadow Report," a response to the city's long-term vision for transit.

"The intent of the report is to bring a more transit-rider oriented approach to ETS growth," said TRUE spokesman Brian Gould.

TRUE will present the report to the city on July 3.

Gould said the most important change the group

would like to see is an immediate plan for 24-hour service in Edmonton.

The group also hopes to persuade council to look at rationalizing the fare policy, which is set to rise in the next five years.

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Cops identify remains

Police say body is that of city man, missing since 2006

By VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
Metro Edmonton

Investigators have determined that the remains of a skeleton and tattered, denim vest found last fall in a wooded, rural area are that of an Edmonton man, whose DNA results recently confirmed his identity.

It's now known that the body, found in November in an area west of Vegreville, is that of 47-year-old Robin Douglas Goodwin.

"It's being treated as a suspicious death," said RCMP K Division spokesman Craig Al-



DNA tests have determined that the vest and sneaker pictured belonged to Robin Douglas Brown, 47, of Edmonton.



bers. "We are not ruling out homicide."

Few details are known about Goodwin at this point, other than he lived alone in Maple Ridge Trailer Park in Edmonton, and worked as a heavy-duty mechanic in Nisku, where he was last seen in September 2006.

"He was a reliable employee, and didn't show up

to work one Monday," Albers said. "That was unusual for him, but at that point, it didn't click in that maybe somebody should call police or family."

In fact, family members in Saskatchewan contacted police in January 2007, only after Goodwin had missed calling home over the holidays. Goodwin was not known to police and had no prior criminal record.

Police haven't yet determined a cause of death in the case and released photos of his vest and a sneaker.

"He could have been out just for a walk in the bush and fell, or had a heart attack," Albers said. "Those types of things happen. Until there's anything else that provides that information, we've got to treat it as suspicious."

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Goodwin

Winners Cleanup challenge



Florie Ajunan, left, Katherine Nguyen and Duyen Nguyen show off their school's award for winning the Litter Reduction Challenge. The girls helped St. Thomas Moore Junior High win the Capital City Cleanup-sponsored challenge and garner their school a cheque for \$2,500.

Robot surgery shows the way of the future

By ERIC BOWLING
for Metro Edmonton

Doctors and the curious got a remote surgeon's eye view yesterday of a \$3-million robot from Royal Alexandra Hospital which is transforming 21st century surgery.

The robot — da Vinci S — makes operations less invasive for prostate cancer patients.

It was put to the test yesterday at the annual meeting of the Canadian Urology Association at the Shaw Conference Centre.

A live feed from the Royal Alex showed both a traditional open surgery and the modern robotic surgery, in

3D, side by side.

"Robotic surgery is going to allow us to perform better surgery with the magnification, with the ability of instruments to get around corners and identify important structures and vessels."

said Eric Estey, Chief of Urology at the Alex and one of five urologists in the capital region able to use the machine.

Edmonton has two of the robots — the other is at the University of Alberta hospital.

"When you look in three dimensions with robotic surgery you have the depth perception to be able to define vessels and important structures like the nerve bundles," said Estey.

« Robotic surgery is going to allow us to perform better surgery. »

Chief of Urology
Eric Castley

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» **FIRE** Fire crews arrived quickly at the Strathcona hotel, 10302 82 Ave, around 2 a.m. to put out a small but dangerous fire. Firefighters said the blaze started in a vacant suite on the second floor of the 115-year-

old hotel. The fire caused \$100,000 in damages to the suite, but the fire was confined to the room it started in. The Strathcona does not have a sprinkler system.

» **ARSON** The person (or people)

responsible for lighting fires in the west is at it again. Fire crews tackled two small dumpster fires near Stony Plain Road and 150 Street at around 8:30 Monday night. Crews were dousing a dumpster on fire in

an alley behind a grocery store, when they spotted another dumpster on fire about a quarter-block away. The fires have been blazing in the west end for close to a month.

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Ontario's Special Investigations Unit, a civilian agency that investigates incidents involving police in which people are hurt or killed, is now investigating the death of a man in Turkey Point, Ont., who died Monday following a Taser encounter with police.

SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Boudreau a no-show

Mother facing murder charges not in court

By ROBYN YOUNG
Metro Halifax

Penny Boudreau was a no-show for her second scheduled court appearance yesterday in Bridgewater, N.S., even after the Crown prosecutor specifically requested her presence.

Crown Attorney Paul Scovil said that "given the nature of the charge" he wants the public to remember she's innocent until proven guilty.

"Particularly these things that are of high public profile," Scovil told reporters outside the Bridgewater courthouse. He wouldn't elaborate further. Boudreau, 33, is accused of killing her 12-year-old daughter Karissa Boudreau. She was charged with first-degree murder in the girl's death on Jun. 13.

court

» The next court date, to be Boudreau's preliminary inquiry, is set for July 15.

The court granted the woman's defence lawyer, Pat Atherton, a request to appear on his client's behalf yesterday, but the Halifax lawyer would not answer any questions from the media as to why Boudreau did not appear. She has yet to enter a plea.

Toronto Breastfeeding friendly



Nine-month-old Elora Yuen holds up a "Breastfeeding Friendly" sign in front of Carol-Lynne D'Arcangelis and her 14-month-old daughter Marlena at the Commensal Vegetarian Restaurant in Toronto yesterday. The city of Toronto has distributed 6,100 "Breastfeeding Anytime Anywhere" decals that restaurants can display on their door to help nursing mothers identify which restaurants are breastfeeding friendly.

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» **PRISON** Halifax prison guards will get to use pepper spray and batons when transporting prisoners starting this Fall, the Nova Scotia justice department ruled yesterday, following recent escapes.

» **DOGS** At least two sources of poison may have been used to kill two dogs and sicken four others in a Toronto city park, police said yesterday, as they warned dog owners to keep their dogs away.

» **NATIVES** The federal government has shot down a Manitoba First Nation's bylaw intended to curb drug abuse on the reserve, but aboriginal leaders say they may ignore Ottawa. METRO NEWS SERVICES

green shift

Canadians want leader debate: Poll

TELEVISION An overwhelming majority of Canadians, over 70 per cent, want to see Stéphane Dion and Prime Minister Stephen Harper square off in a televised debate on the Liberals' proposal for a carbon tax, a new poll shows.

"Canadians appear to be ready to see Harper and Dion discussing policy away of the confines of the House of Commons, and this might help Dion," said Mario Canseco, director of global studies for Angus Reid Strategies.

Dion unveiled his party's widely anticipated "green shift" strategy last week and at the time, offered to take on Harper in a national debate on environmental issues "at any time."

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Accused placed at terror camp

Witness claims
Khawaja visited
Pakistani facilities



money handed over

» Babar testified that when Khawaja returned to Lahore from the camp he handed over an undisclosed amount of Canadian money half of which was to go to the poor and the other half to the "brothers."

Alleged terrorist Mohammad Momin Khawaja returned from a Pakistani training camp excited about having fired machine guns and a rocket launcher, a court was told today.

The Ottawa software developer went to Afghanistan in July 2003 to attend a training camp set up in a mountainous region of Pakistan near the Afghanistan border where he fired an AK-47 assault rifle, rocket propelled grenade and a light machine gun, Crown witness Mohammed Junaid Babar testified.

"He was excited and he enjoyed it," said Babar in describing Khawaja's demeanor when he returned

to Lahore after about three or four days at the camp.

Khawaja went to the camp with Omar Khyam, a ring-leader in the failed London bombing plot, for which

« *He was excited and he enjoyed it* »

Mohammed Junaid Babar

Khawaja is an accused participant.

Earlier, the judge reviewed complaints that Babar's evidence was hearsay.

After Justice Douglas Rutherford ruled he would weigh the value of the evidence later, Babar continued

to testify about people involved in jihad-related matters from the United Kingdom to Pakistan.

Khawaja, 29, who once worked as a contract employee for the Department of Foreign Affairs, is accused of building detonators that were intended for use in blowing up a London nightclub and strategic infrastructure sites.

He pleaded not guilty to the seven terror-related offences. Babar, 33, is a key figure in a failed London bombing plot, which was hatched between November 2003 and March 2004.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

\$100,000 reward in slayings

Ottawa police
seeking leads

By TIM WIECLAWSKI
Metro Ottawa

Nearly a year after the triple murder of an Ottawa tax judge, his wife and their neighbour, city police yesterday offered a \$100,000 reward in a bid to spur new leads into the case.

Family members of all three victims — judge Alban Garon, his wife Raymonde and neighbour Marie-Claire Beniskos — attended the police announcement yesterday, nearly a year after the June 30, 2007, discovery of the victims' bound and beaten bod-



Ottawa Police Staff-Sgt. Monique Perras announced yesterday that a \$100,000 reward is now being offered to anyone with information that leads to arrest in a 2007 triple slaying.

ies in the Garons' condominium at Unit 1002, 1510 Riverside Dr.

In written statements read by Staff-Sgt. Monique Perras, relatives of the Garons urged

the public to provide tips to help the investigation.

Since the murders, detectives have interviewed 1,500 people as far away as Edmonton and Spain.

» news In Brief

» **HARPER** With an impending by-election Prime Minister Stephen Harper seized on St.-Jean-Baptiste Day holiday in Quebec to make his latest appeal to nationalist Quebec voters. Speaking to about 350 supporters Harper said his party is the only one that can deliver on Quebec's nationalism aspirations and that the Conservatives would deliver on such a vision.

» **CHINA** Canadians have flooded the Red Cross with donations for Chinese earthquake relief, giving nearly \$15 million more to that disaster relief fund than to survivors of the Burmese cyclone. The Canadian Red Cross has so far received \$17.2 million in donations for its earthquake fund, with \$100,000 pouring in on the weekend in anticipation of federal plan to match funds.

» **MEXICO** The Mexican Consulate in Vancouver has launched an investigation after 80 people who arrived on a flight from Mexico were denied entry at Vancouver International Airport, even though they may have had the legal paperwork to allow them to stay in Canada. The Mexican Consulate said the dozens that arrived had come expecting they would be given work.

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world



U.S. radio personality Don Imus, left, yesterday defended linking football player Adam "Pacman" Jones' race to brushes with the police as Imus tried to dampen a controversy over remarks he made one day earlier. CBS Radio fired Imus in April 2007 for making a racially derogatory comment. **REUTERS**

Suicide mars Sarkozy exit

Soldier shoots self as French leader leaves Israel

An Israeli guard on the perimeter of a farewell airport ceremony for French President Nicolas Sarkozy shot himself dead yesterday, causing a security stir but not endangering the visiting leader, police said.

Bodyguards rushed Sarkozy and his wife to their plane and whisked Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and President Shimon Peres toward armoured cars on the tarmac.

"This was in no way an assassination attempt," police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said, calling the incident a suicide.

The two Israeli leaders later returned to the aircraft to bid the Sarkozys goodbye after it

splitting Jerusalem

» The main event of Sarkozy's visit was his address on Monday to Israel's parliament, in which he called for an end to the expansion of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and for Israel and a future Palestine each to have a capital in Jerusalem.

was established that the incident was over and posed no threat. The plane then took off.

Rosenfeld said the guard who shot himself was a paramilitary policeman assigned to a security patrol at the airport.

During his three-day state visit, Sarkozy repeatedly put himself forward as a possible broker of peace between Israel and the Palestinians, using his support among Israelis to mend ties and nudge them toward a peace deal. **REUTERS**



France's first lady, Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, top, reacts yesterday on the staircase of the presidential plane after hearing a shot at Ben Gurion international airport near Tel Aviv, Israel. **GIL COHEN MAGEN/REUTERS**

Mugabe defies critics

Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe defied mounting pressure yesterday from both inside and outside Africa to call off Friday's presidential election, saying he had a legal obligation to go ahead.

Both Senegalese President Abdoulaye Wade and South African ruling ANC leader Jacob Zuma said the presidential run-off must be postponed

after opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai withdrew from the vote and fled to the Dutch embassy in Harare.

But Mugabe shrugged off the pressure.

"The West can scream all it wants. Elections will go on. Those who want to recognize our legitimacy can do so, those who don't want, should not," Mugabe told a rally in western Zimbabwe. **REUTERS**

« The West can scream all it wants. Elections will go on. »

Robert Mugabe

» news In Brief

» **OBAMA** Two weeks after his wife ended her White House bid, former Democratic president Bill Clinton offered a faint voice of support for Barack Obama — through a spokesman.

» **ATTACK** Afghan police backed by NATO air strikes killed 14 Taliban insurgents after the militants attacked a small town

in eastern Afghanistan, the Interior Ministry said yesterday.

» **CHURCH** The Vatican defended the late archbishop Paul Marcinkus, the head of the Vatican Bank whose tenure was marred by financial scandal, from media reports yesterday that he ordered the killing of a 15-year-old girl in 1983. **REUTERS**

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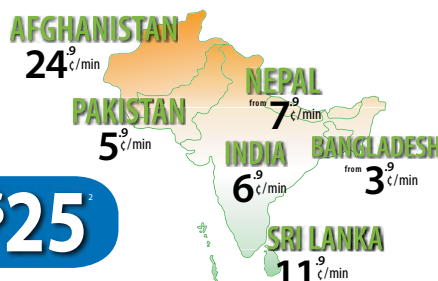
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Taliban withdraw from Pakistan town

Militants pull out after threats of government attack

Pakistani Taliban militants began withdrawing from a northwestern town yesterday after capturing it the previous day in a bloody clash with rivals, a government and a security official said.

Militants loyal to notorious Taliban commander Baitullah

Mehsud seized the town of Jandola, on the main road into the South Waziristan ethnic Pashtun tribal region on the Afghan border.

At least 12 people, most of them members of the pro-government Bitani tribe, were

killed. The militants also captured 13 of their rivals, a government official said.

The fighting follows government attempts to end violence by Mehsud through talks despite concerns from the United States, which says negotiations and peace deals give militants a free hand to plot attacks.

«The situation has improved. There has been no untoward incident today and they're moving out.»

Barkatullah Marwat,
Pakistan government official

Barkatullah Marwat, the top government officer in the region, told Reuters.

A security official said the militants were pulling out after a government threat to launch an offensive against them.

REUTERS

Brazil battles illegal farms

Country seizes thousands of head of cattle



deforestation

» The rate of deforestation is increasing this year for the first time since 2004 as growing demand for food is pushing farmers and ranchers deeper into the forest.

Brazil seized thousands of head of cattle in the Amazon as part of a crackdown on illegal farming and logging, which fuels destruction of the world's largest rain forest, the environment minister said yesterday.

The announcement follows growing international concern over rising deforestation rates and the resignation last month of the former minister

Marina Silva, who was widely seen as a guardian of the Amazon.

Brazil's powerful farmers, who are riding a global commodity boom, are likely to contest increased controls.

Police and agents from the environmental protection agency IBAMA impounded about 10,000 head of cattle on illegally deforested land in the

state of Rondonia. Last week they expropriated a 3,500-strong herd in the state of Para, the new Environment Minister Carlos Minc told a news conference.

"Illegal beef will become an environmental barbecue for zero hunger," Minc said in reference to a government anti-hunger program that will receive the proceeds from the

sale of seized cattle.

Cattle ranching occupies as much as 80 per cent of deforested areas, Minc said. An estimated 25 million head of cattle are raised on deforested Amazon land, IBAMA director Flavio Montiel told Reuters.

By year-end Montiel hopes to withdraw hundreds of thousands of head of cattle from illegally deforested areas.

Ranchers are often allied with local politicians and steal government land by falsifying titles and bribing registrars.

REUTERS

Hong Kong Remembering Bruce Lee



A visitor poses in front of a statue of the late Hong Kong martial arts star Bruce Lee in Hong Kong yesterday. Fans of Lee urged the local government to buy Lee's old home, which is being used as a love motel, and convert it into a museum. Owner of the house has put it up for sale recently to raise funds for Sichuan earthquake victims.

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» **AID** President Bush yesterday pledged U.S. help to Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo in the aftermath of a typhoon, saying he was sending an aircraft carrier to aid in the relief effort. Bush, after White House talks with Arroyo, expressed condolences for victims of Typhoon Fengshen, which hit over the weekend. Hopes were fading for around 800 people still missing after a ferry capsized in huge waves off Sibuyan.

» **PREGNANCY** Women who gain too much weight during pregnancy may increase their child's future risk of becoming overweight, according to a new study.

» **OBAMA** A leading conservative evangelical yesterday said Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama had distorted the Bible and espoused a "fruitcake" approach to the U.S. Constitution.

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Grad Jobless



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Joshua Persky, a financial engineer who lost his job in the volatile banking industry six months ago, stands in front of the Charles Schwab building in New York City with a sign explaining his situation. Persky says standing on a corner passing out resumes beats networking and writing e-mails.

Price of education

Students carrying heavy loan load

Cash-strapped students will increasingly tap the Canada Student Loan Program to fund post-secondary studies over the next 25 years, even though the total number of students enrolling in college or university is forecast to decline over that period, says a new report.

increasing need

» Tuition fees are "the primary source" fuelling the need for student loans. Average tuition fees are expected to jump from \$5,800 in 2007-08 to \$19,000 in 2031-32.

Post-secondary enrolment is expected to shrink as growing numbers of youth join the work force early.

Those pursuing college or university will rely more on student loans because their expenses will outpace their resources, the Actuarial Report on the Canada Student Loan Program said.

It forecasts the total amount of new loans issued will swell to \$2.9 billion in 2031-32, up from \$1.9 billion in 2006-07.

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Refinery backer wins creditor protection

A company proposing a \$4.6 billion refinery on Canada's East Coast has won protection from creditors, allowing it to devise a restructuring plan that may include selling assets or bringing in new partners, one of its owners said yesterday.

Newfoundland's Supreme Court granted a request by Newfoundland and Labrador Refining Corp. to block a bid by a unit of SNC-Lavalin

Group to have the firm declared bankrupt, said Altius Minerals, which owns 39.6 per cent of the refinery developer. NLRC wants to build a 300,000 barrel a day refinery on the province's southeast coast, and has its environmental approvals in hand.

But it was hampered in its ability to attract financing after credit markets tightened following the U.S. subprime crisis.

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» **PAYDAY** New Democrat industry critic Peggy Nash says legislation to regulate payday loans has a loophole that allows lenders to skirt the rules by attracting borrowers over the Internet from provinces with tougher laws.

» **MEETING** Biovail Corp.'s shareholders will know today whether they have plotted a course that could dramatically

change the future of Canada's biggest publicly traded drugmaker. The shareholders, who have seen the stock plunge 45 per cent in the past four years, could vote for a new slate of directors floated by founder Eugene Melnyk, or they may stay the course with the incumbent slate and a radical shift in strategy.

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wireless auction

Value of bids surpasses \$4B

PREDICTED Total bids surpassed \$4 billion this week in an auction of wireless airwaves, more than double what most observers initially predicted when the auction began in late May.

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The Tampa Bay Lightning named Barry Melrose, left, as the team's new head coach yesterday. Melrose, who most recently was an analyst for ESPN, is a former coach of the Los Angeles Kings.

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CFL needs to have sexy season

Another CFL season kicks off tomorrow night, which excites us because we enjoy the league and have cared about its welfare for decades. But let's tell it like it is.

The CFL hasn't provided much entertainment for years. Oh, the league's propagandists and their attached-at-the-hip shills on the airwaves like to go on ad nauseum about how thrilling their games have been, but take it from a guy who hasn't missed more than five or six in 15 years: The CFL ain't what it used to be.

Scoring has decreased substantially. So have big plays and game-breakers. Conspicuous by their absences have been the dazzling kick returns from Gizmo Williams and Pinball Clemons, the magical scrambles from Doug Flutie, Jeff Garcia and Matt Dunigan, the

bombs from Warren Moon, the impossible catches from Darren Flutie and Allen Pitts, the remarkable runs from Mike Pringle.

The truth is that, unless you're fond of defence, the CFL has come up short since 2000. And, with the NFL threatening to invade Toronto — arguably the CFL's most significant city — this simply must be a banner year for Canadian football.

Unfortunately, there aren't many new faces inspiring excessive enthusiasm. There's certainly been the usual off-season recycling, though. The Saskatchewan Roughriders could no longer afford quarterback/MVP Kerry Joseph so they dispatched him to the Argonauts. The Edmonton Eskimos acquired the



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eral manager of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

And there will be four new head coaches, although the Montreal Alouettes' Marc Trestman is the only true greenhorn. Rich Stubler and Ken Miller were promoted from their assistant coaching positions in Toronto and Saskatchewan, respectively. And John Hufnagel, an offensive guru who was a CFL QB and assistant coach in the 1980s and 1990s, replaces the fired Tom Hig-

gins as the Calgary Stampeders' head coach.

Higgins is the CFL's new officiating supervisor, which is confusing since he never seemed to understand the league's rules in the first place. But let's refrain from picking on Higgins. For now.

For the record, I'm picking Hufnagel's Stamps to win the Grey Cup. I suspect the Ticats will improve while the Als will sputter, and I think Calgary QB Henry Burris will emerge as the CFL's top player.

But I'll have a thorough CFL preview tomorrow — including predictions, players to watch for and a look at this week's games — in the first 2008 instalment of my weekly CFL Report, exclusively at www.metronews.ca.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

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» **TENNIS** Aleksandra Wozniak of Blainville, Que., defeated Ukraine's Mariya Koryttseva 7-5, 6-4 yesterday at Wimbledon to advance to the second round for the first time. In other action, Venus Williams beat British wildcard Naomi Cavaday 7-6, 6-1.

» **NHL** The Toronto Maple Leafs shook up their roster yesterday, waiving backup goaltender Andrew Raycroft and forward Kyle Wellwood. The team is also reportedly set to buy out the remainder of winger Darcy Tucker's contract.

» **NHL** Anaheim Ducks owner Henry Samueli was suspended indefinitely from any involvement with the team and the NHL by commissioner Gary Bettman yesterday.

» **GOLF** Tiger Woods underwent reconstructive surgery yesterday to repair a torn ligament in his left knee, an operation described as a success by his doctors.

» **NBA** Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony pleaded guilty yesterday to driving while impaired, stemming from a drunken driving arrest in April. By pleading guilty, Anthony avoided a more serious driving under the influence offence.

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Tichelaar heating up for Olympic triathlon

Edmonton athlete is ranked 19th in the world

By **ERIC BOWLING**
for Metro Edmonton

For someone trying to keep an even keel, Edmonton's triathlete/electrical engineer Paul Tichelaar is making it tough on himself.

He is not only preparing for Olympic battle in China, he's also getting married to sweetheart Lindsay Acheson Sept. 13.

"I've been home a total of six or seven weeks this year," said Tichelaar with a tired but proud smile.

"I've got a very forgiving fiancée."

Having been named to the Olympic team after finishing



BEN LEMPHERS/FOR METRO EDMONTON

Edmonton triathlete Paul Tichelaar takes a spin through Hawrelak park yesterday as he prepares for the Olympics in Beijing.

ninth in the world championship in Vancouver,

Tichelaar's focus now is preparing for Beijing's

scorching hot weather.

"With the pollution, there's

nothing you can do about that. I'm not riding up and down a busy street trying to get as close to the tailpipes as I can, but I'll be spending some time in the heat chamber riding on my bike with heaters blaring," said Tichelaar. "(In Beijing) it's supposed to be 30 degrees in August. It's going to be cooking."

Tichelaar made his name by placing fifth in the 2001 junior world championship race in Edmonton at Hawrelak Park. He then improved his world ranking to 19th from 124th at the end of the 2007 season.

Tichelaar is trying to keep training as routine as possible before travelling to Beijing for the big race.

"We want to train like it's another World Cup."

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TODAY'S GAMES

INTERLEAGUE
Arizona at Boston, 5:05
N.Y. Yankees at Pittsburgh, 5:05
St. Louis at Detroit, 5:05
San Francisco at Cleveland, 5:05
Cincinnati at Toronto, 5:07
Seattle at N.Y. Mets, 5:10
Tampa Bay at Florida, 5:10
L.A. Angels at Washington, 5:10
Texas at Houston, 6:05
Baltimore at Chicago Cubs, 6:05
Colorado at Kansas City, 6:10
Minnesota at San Diego, 8:05
Philadelphia at Oakland, 8:05
Chicago Sox at L.A. Dodgers, 8:10
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 11:05

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WEEK 1

TOMORROW'S GAMES
Montreal at Hamilton, 5
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Couples Focus on challenge

Ford's feisty car put to test

Ford's new compact Focus has been remade to attract young professionals, couples and families and anyone looking for style, durability and daily utility in an economical package. Several Canadian couples representative of potential buyers were brought together to drive the new car for their evaluation for Carguide Magazine.

In a controlled environment, they practised advanced driving skills in the vehicle before taking it out on a public highway, this time in and around historic Montréal and the ski and golf resort town of Mont-Tremblant.

New exterior design, an all-new interior and improved driving dynamics, plus the industry-first Ford/Microsoft Sync system (bringing previously unheard-of levels of connectivity to the market, regardless of segment) define the new Focus.

Fuel economy has been im-



The new Ford Focus showcases new technologies and styling mixed with a confidence-inspiring ride and reflexive handling that give it a nimbleness and fun-to-drive factor that rivals the best small cars.

proved through better aerodynamics, engine modifications and a body that weighs 45 kilograms less than before.

Several drivers expressed amazement at how little distance the Focus took to fully stop on wet pavement and

how the anti-lock braking allowed them to maintain steering control while forcing the brake pedal.

Generally, the applied science of the human/machine interface, called ergonomics, scored high marks all

around.

The tallest of the drivers, six-foot Craig Sabine of Toronto, remarked on more-than-ample headspace in the back seat and in the front. Entry and exit was easy courtesy of large doors that



Toronto couple Caryn Schumacher and Craig Sabine.

Auto engagement

» A Toronto couple who went to Quebec to put the new 2008 Ford Focus to the test came away from the weekend engaged to be married. Caryn Schumacher, 25, and Craig Sabine, 27, were invited to be among the first Canadians to experience the re-designed and

re-engineered 2008 Ford Focus. Up with the birds at 5 a.m. on the first day of the event, Sabine, an associate at an energy consulting firm, asked Schumacher to be his co-driver for life. "There's nothing like waking up to diamonds," said Schumacher, a human resources co-ordinator.

open wide, said Zeeya Fazal of Brampton, Ont.

The Focus won kudos for comfort and performance with "just right" steering, said Fazal, who found it a breeze to zip between cones in the lane change exercise. "This

car steers wonderfully," remarked Sabine.

Significantly, all said they would recommend others to test drive the Focus when shopping for a new compact car.

BY THE EDITORS OF CARGUIDE MAGAZINE



Ford claims to have made getting in and out of its new Flex model a less messy affair.

Saying goodbye to dry cleaning

Ford Flex makes driving friendlier for dress, trousers

Ford's 2009 Flex can add another claim to its growing list of why buys: you could call it the world's first trouser- and dress-friendly vehicle.

That's good news for

everyone but dry cleaners, because the development team engineered into the Flex a concealed rocker panel (the structural component at the bottom of the door opening).

"The design is so clean and efficient that we've been able to reduce the step-in area," said Rich Gresens, chief designer for the Flex. "The

clever design minimizes your clothes' exposure to the elements. There's no sill area where dirt usually collects."

The designers stretched the width of the Flex to wrap around the sill, bringing the step-in area inboard for much easier access for passengers. In combination with the hidden rocker, the Flex

door was designed to wrap under the sill, effectively sealing out the elements.

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The new Jetta Wagon is based on the current Jetta/Golf sedan platform and shares their essential hardware.

Euro powerhouse

Jetta wagon builds on VW's charisma and popularity

By **BRADLEY HORN**
for Metro Edmonton



The Jetta wagon's interior is much like the sedan's, with excellent materials and ergonomic touches.

In Canada of late, the Jetta has largely been the flag bearer for the wagon body style for Volkswagen. In fact, when the previous-generation Jetta "longback" debuted back in 2001, it gained uncanny cult status among Euro-type fans for its utility, handling and frugality — especially when equipped with a turbodiesel powerplant.

Such was its popularity, the TDI VW stayed an extra year in Canada after fading from the U.S. scene and examples have sold in eBay recently for more than the original asking price.

So Volkswagen wants to carry on that charisma here with its new '09 Jetta Wagon, which currently is available with a 2.5-litre, five-cylinder

engine (170 hp) and a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine (both gasoline powered) but will have a new-design, cleaner burning 2.0-litre turbodiesel available by mid-summer.

This new Jetta Wagon is based on the current Jetta/Golf sedan platform and shares their essential hardware, including suspension and body panels from the B-pillar forward. It has the same wheelbase as the sedan but, compared to the outgoing wagon, the overall length has stretched by 147

mm (nearly six inches).

As is usual with VW these days, body/trim fits and finish sits well above class norms. The standard wheels are 16-inchers, although alloys are available. In large part, the interior is much like the sedan's, with excellent materials and ergonomic touches like felt-lined storage pockets and a tilt/telescopic steering wheel.

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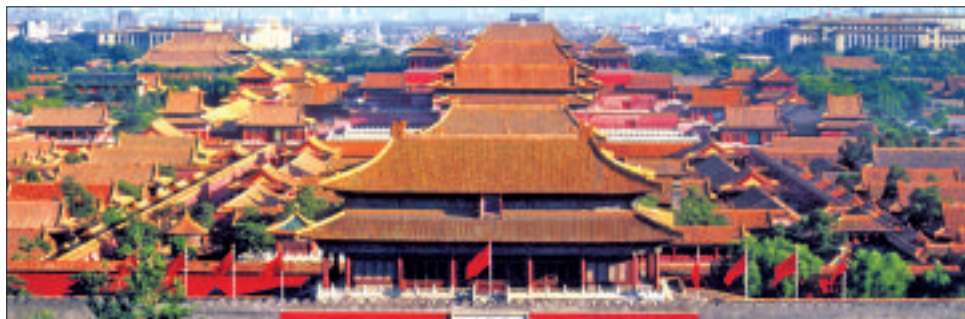
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A walk to the top of Coal Hill in Jingshan Park gives visitors a view of the rooftops of The Forbidden City, an Imperial palace that covers 183 acres.

Beijing essentials

From acrobatics to art, a guide to the must-see sites

A visit to Beijing can be daunting for the uninitiated. What you really need is the low-down on what to see from a local expert. And who better to share her knowledge than a concierge? Here, Leigh Li, chief concierge at top Beijing hotel, The Peninsula (beijing.peninsula.com), gives her insider's tips.

1. ACROBATIC SHOW — See the show staged at Wan Sheng Theatre in Qian Men District, one of the oldest districts in Beijing. Show starts at 7:15 p.m. daily.

2. 798 ART AREA — Located to the northeast of central Beijing, 798 is a cultural centre housed in what used to be several state-owned factories including Factory 798, which originally produced military machinery. It's now home to

galleries, art studios, design firms, restaurants and bars.

3. HUTONG TOUR — Take a ride on a bicycle-driven rickshaw through the city's historic "hutong" district, where many of the residents still live in traditional quadrangle dwellings.

4. OLYMPIC STADIUMS — Visit the newly built stadiums, including the Bird's Nest and Cube Aquatics Centre.

5. CAPITAL MUSEUM — This recently opened destination features Beijing history and Chinese architecture. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed every Monday).

6. THE GREAT WALL — The best-known section of this famous site is Badaling in the mountains of Yanqing County. For an alternative view, visit the Juyongguan Pass in Changping County.

7. THE FORBIDDEN CITY —

It took a million labourers and 100,000 artisans to complete the first version of this Imperial palace between 1406 and 1420, during the Ming Dynasty. The total area of the complex is 183 acres, so it takes quite a while to walk through. For an aerial view over The Forbidden City, walk to the top of the Coal Hill in Jingshan Park.

8. PANJIAYUAN MARKET — The mother of all antique markets, Panjiayuan is home to 3,000 dealers who scour the countryside in search of antiques, family heirlooms and curios. Find everything from 1930 silk qipao dresses to 1990 Qing-looking furniture and everything in between. Open weekend mornings.

9. TEA STREET — Tea Street was originally called "Iris Street." It now houses eight wholesale markets and more than 600 tea shops selling more than 500 different kinds of tea leaves. Close to

West Beijing Railway Station.

10. CHILL OUT IN HOU HAI — Lotus Lane is the happening district of the Hou Hai lake area, where there are a number of small eateries and interesting bars, many with live music. There are also several shops selling art.

11. SUMMER PALACE — One of the best parks in the city, it was established as a retreat for emperors to escape the scorching summer heat. Walk along the famous Long Corridor, the covered walkway that runs alongside the park's Lake Kunming. Also on the shore of the lake is the Marble Boat, the lakeside pavilion where royals used to take tea.

12. FLY A KITE IN TIANANMEN SQUARE — It's easy to buy a kite in Beijing. In spring and autumn, flying a kite in Tiananmen Square is the perfect way to enjoy this traditional activity to the fullest.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Border guards, unleash the dogs

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Customs officials are quick to give me the evil eye. My passport has so many transit stamps that even I admit it's starting to look a little strange. I've been to over 60 countries (many of them considered "suspect") and the total is rising rapidly.

So border guards, unleash the dogs — I'm about to set off for my third adventure around the world.

This time, I'll be heading out with a television crew to film season two of Word Travels (airing every Wednesday across Canada on OLN). With another 13 episodes green-lit, my bags are packed — I don't think I ever really unpacked from my last adventure — and I'm gearing up for another round of passport stamps.

Word Travels follows the real lives of two young Canadian writers — Vancouver-based adventurer Robin Esrock and yours truly — to capture the warts-and-all lifestyle that is travel journalism. We're

talking the good, the bad, the hungover and the cranky. This year, our list of destinations includes Taiwan, Korea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Romania, Ukraine, Turkey, Georgia, Belize, Mexico, British Colombia and Jamaica.

We'll be gone for the next few months, filming overseas through everything from political turmoil to the occasional surprise typhoon. But this time, I'm also looking for assistance from Metro readers. I want to find cool, unusual stories in all the destinations we're visiting, and I'm hoping to elicit your suggestions. Do you know of any cool places to stay, eat or party? Off-the-beaten-track spots, human interest stories or quirky sub-cultures? Things to do, things to avoid — I'm open to it all. If you'd like to share your thoughts, I'd love to hear from you. Please contact me at editor@thetraveljunkie.ca. Meanwhile, I'm off to the airport, sketchy-looking passport in hand.

Freelance writer Julia Dimon is host of Word Travels, airing on OLN. Contact her at www.thetraveljunkie.ca

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entertainment



Hilary Duff, left, has joined Winona Ryder, Jon Cryer, Sean Astin and Chevy Chase in the cast of the Polish brothers comedy *Stay Cool*.

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Cinema's robots show soul

Machines typically had sinister aims in film roles

By RICK MCGINNIS
for Metro Edmonton

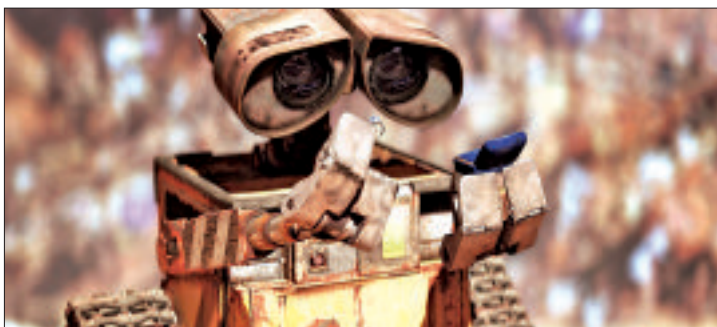
If there's a villain in *Wall-E*, the animated Pixar feature opening this week, it's Auto, a wheel-like robot with a very familiar red eye glowing, Cyclops-like, in the centre of its hub. You can be certain that the designers and animators at Pixar knew perfectly well that they were borrowing the single most recognizable bit of HAL, the villain of Stanley Kubrick's epochal 1968 film 2001: A Space Odyssey.

There had been robots in movies before 2001; the most iconic were probably Gort,

the muscle brought by aliens to Earth in *The Day The Earth Stood Still*, and Robby, the bulbous robot who began his long career in 1956's *The Forbidden Planet*.

The modern era of movie sci-fi began with Kubrick's film, however, and with it a major shift in the roles of robots — from dumb machines limited to the confines of their programming to mechanisms at the dawn of consciousness, seeded with what can only be called a soul.

Pixar's *Wall-E* is just such a creature, left alone with his single programmed task for centuries, during which the cute little trash compactor develops emotions, schooled by a discarded videocassette of *Hello Dolly*. The film's bleakest joke is that *Wall-E* and his fellow robots have



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Ever since Keir Dullea shut down HAL in 2001, in a scene where the malevolent computer evoked more bathos than any single human in the film, movies have returned

again and again to robots with either humanoid shapes or recognizably human emotions. With the exception of C3-PO in *Star Wars*, it's a general rule that humanoid robots in movies will likely have a sinister agenda — think the original *Terminator*, *Sonny* in the recent

movie adaptation of Isaac Asimov's *I, Robot*, Yul Brynner's *Gunslinger* in *Westworld* and *False Maria*, the striking art deco robot in Fritz Lang's *Metropolis*. Squat, diminutive robots like *Wall-E*, toddler-like in proportion and demeanor, are inevitably benevolent —

think *R2-D2*, *Johnny Five* in *Short Circuit*, and Huey, Dewey and Louie, the waddling mailboxes in the dystopic *Silent Running*.

All these movies seem to be working overtime to imagine the day when our creations attain consciousness, and humanity becomes the same sort of inattentive, negligent creator that we suspect God to be in our darker moments.

At their best, we hope they're like *Wall-E*, blessed and befuddled with our own doubts and wonder and vital but inefficient emotions. In a worst case scenario, like HAL or Auto, they pursue their programming and merciless logic and our very existence is called into doubt by newly minted robot atheists who no longer believe in us.

Borat gets Oscar ... invite

A diverse group of actors — including Oscar winner Marion Cotillard and *Borat* star Sacha Baron Cohen — have been invited to join the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

The Academy said on Monday it issued invitations to 105 luminaries. Other notables include *Juno* screenwriter Diablo Cody, the film's director Jason Reitman, Ruby Dee and Josh Brolin.

Each year, in order to re-

plenish its ranks as members



Cohen

die or opt for non-voting status, branches of the Academy endorse new candidates.

Cotillard won an Oscar this year for playing Edith Piaf in *La Vie en Rose*. Reitman and Dee were also nominated this year, and Cohen was nominated last year for writing *Borat*.

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McAvoy's challenge with role? Eating

By STEVE GOW
for Metro Edmonton

James McAvoy may be Hollywood's newest action hero but the unassuming gentleman sipping green tea while doing interviews to promote his latest film is not your prototypical power man.

He doesn't have the build of, say, *The Rock*. Nor the swagger of Jason Statham. The guy once played a half-goat in *The Chronicles of Narnia* for crying out loud! He can't really be the next big action hero, can he?

Well, with his latest movie *Wanted*, it's about to change for James McAvoy. In the film, he plays a nervous loser who becomes an incredibly gifted fighter after he's taken in by a fraternity of "super-sensory trained assassins." The film features some stunning cinematography and huge stunts, particularly one favourite of McAvoy's that involved leaping from a moving car just before it got side-swiped.

"There were no wires and there were no mats," brags the actor. "I always had pads of course. Lots and lots of



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"I don't know how much I bulked up and I don't even know what pounds are because we use kilograms so it was like nine or 10 kilograms," laughs the 29-year-old Scottish actor. "I didn't get ridiculously large at all

but I put on a lot of weight for me."

In order to add that weight, the slim actor (he only weighed 137 pounds before filming) was required to do two months of intense training. His daily regimen included fight-training, kickboxing, weapons, weights and interval training.

"Eating," McAvoy blurts out about what the hardest part of it all was. "Just keeping that weight on when

you're doing 13 hours a day (of stunts) and then you're doing the gym at night. I had to eat like a trooper, man."

For all his hard work however, McAvoy shares no ambition to become the next great action hero. In fact, he's still perfectly happy to hang up his kickboxing gloves for a while.

"We might make another one of these one day but until then, I don't think I'll go back."

»news In Brief

» **TOUR** Culture Club frontman Boy George's North American tour is in doubt after U.S. authorities refused to issue him a visa, citing looming legal issues overseas. George was arrested last year after a

28-year-old male escort from Norway accused the singer/DJ of false imprisonment and assault. George later denied the allegations and was released on bail.

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Actress Heather Locklear, right, who has been dealing with anxiety and depression, is seeking treatment for psychological issues at an Arizona facility, her publicist has confirmed.

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television

MTV video awards to return to L.A.

CEREMONY The MTV Video Music Awards, scene of a disastrous performance by Britney Spears last year, will return to Los Angeles for the first time in a decade on Sept. 7, Reuters reports.

The high-wattage event, now in its 25th year, will take place on the Paramount Pictures lot in Hollywood. Los Angeles last hosted the event in 1998. Since then, the awards have been held mostly in New York, but travelled to Miami in 2004 and 2005, and then Las Vegas last year. Last year, 7.1 million MTV viewers watched the festivities, according to Nielsen Media Research. While viewership was up from 5.8 million the year before, the numbers are a far cry from the record 12 million viewers for the 1999 version.

in production

Cowell feature moving ahead

TRUE STORY Paramount is moving ahead on American Idol judge's Simon Cowell's movie about a rags-to-riches reality music star, ew.com reports.

The project, based on real-life opera singer Paul Potts and his last-ditch effort to make it big on Britain's Got Talent, has tapped writer Justin Zackham (The Bucket List) to pen the screenplay, and the movie has been given the title One Chance.

movies

Angelina Jolie eyes Sin City 2

CASTING Angelina Jolie is keen to consider a role in Sin City 2, imdb.com reports — claiming she is intrigued with what director Frank Miller can come up with next. The actress is a huge fan of the slick 2004 comic book adaptation, and Miller is keen to get Jolie on board. And the Tomb Raider star is interested in Miller's offer — because she thinks the moviemaker is a "genius."

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Some DVD sets missing something

WORDS AND MUSIC:

When the first season of WKRP in Cincinnati arrived on DVD, fans of the show were justifiably livid that almost all of the musical cues — pop songs played on-air by DJs Venus Flytrap and Johnny Fever — were missing, and that when the song was integral to something happening onscreen, the scene would be trimmed to avoid looking nonsensical in the absence of music.

The practice of removing copyrighted music is common enough that companies like Viacom/Paramount routinely include a fine print warning — "some music may have been changed" — on disc sets where music has either been excised or replaced with generic substitutes.

The DVD set of season 2 of The Fugitive — the '60s thriller starring David Janssen — recently hit the shelves after undergoing just such treatment, and despite the fact that the first season was released with all the original musical cues.

According to a story in Variety this week, the score for the second season didn't rely on a specially composed score or public domain music, but from a mix of music by Pete Rugolo — author of the show's theme — and cues taken from a range of music libraries. Untangling the legal knots created by the show's music editor, Ken Whitcott, 40 years ago proved so daunting that Paramount simply stripped out all of the show's background music except for



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Rugolo's intro and outro credit themes, a move that fans have called "sickening," while stating that they would be returning their purchases.

Before the dawn of the lucrative DVD business, music contracts on TV shows made no provision for royalties or rights after original runs and syndication. Today, music is negotiated with clauses that bear impressively inclusive language reserving right of

usage for "any and all media now known or hereinafter devised."

This wasn't the case as recently as a decade ago, and profits from DVD sets have been diminished by the necessity of paying between US \$10,000 and \$40,000 per track — the Variety story recalls that licensing Motown songs for season one of Murphy Brown cost a million dollars, while rights issues probably means that shows like The Wonder Years will either hit the market with their music stripped out or not at all.

While CBS Paramount executives refrained from answering Variety's queries about the Fugitive set in favour of a press statement explaining their actions, the editor of the website TVShowsOnDVD.com told

the trade paper that moves like this are pushing fans into buying pirate sets, or illegal downloads, which you'd think someone in marketing or PR at Viacom would have figured out by now.

In somewhat related news, it seems that pilot episodes of two more fall shows — Steven Bochco's legal drama Raising the Bar and Leverage, a TNT show starring Timothy Hutton — hit the online file-sharing networks this week.

You'd start to think, at this point, that Hollywood woke up one morning with a newfound death wish, and an ambition to see how quickly they can go the way of Vaudeville or the telegraph.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

critics' corner

Supernatural

"Fairy tales can come true; it can happen to you" ... but let's hope they don't involve murder. In the episode "Bedtime Stories," Sam and Dean (Jared Padalecki, Jensen Ackles) are investigating a series of killings that are taking the form of "Snow White," "Little Red Riding Hood" and similar stories. Sam also has a tense encounter with the Crossroad Demon (Sandra McCoy). 8 PM on SPACE 9 PM on EDACCESS



Reba

"One is the loneliest number ..." Reba (Reba McEntire) has a surprising Christmas Eve in "Cookies for Santa." On her own for the night, she visits a homeless shelter and meets a man (Victor Raider-Wexler) who alters her outlook in a positive way. It couldn't come at a better time, since Reba is fighting with ex-husband Brock (Christopher Rich) over which of them will buy Jake (Mitch Hollerman) his very first bicycle. 7 PM on CMT

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Celebrity Buzz



Paris dismisses puppy demand

Pet: Paris Hilton swears she's no doggy diva, People.com reports. In fact, the hotel heiress — who just wrapped her reality show, I Wanna Be Paris's New Best Friend! — took to her blog Monday to refute one tall tale currently circulating.

"I read (that I was) walking by some puppies for sale, and demanding that I be given a Yorkie puppy to be an accessory for a photo shoot," she wrote on her MySpace celebrity blog. (According to the press reports, a Melrose Avenue pet store refused to let her have the animal — making Hilton go "ballistic.")

"I wasn't looking for a new pet. I wasn't even at a photo shoot that day," Hilton insists. "Puppies are not accessories or toys and I love my own pets dearly. I treat them as if they were my children."

Hilton's new reality show includes scenes of a pet adoption shelter, she says, "to spread the word about how these animals need loving owners."

"It is sad that someone felt the need to invent a story about me throwing a fit for a dog that would 'go with my outfit,'" says the former Simple Life star (who's getting serious with boyfriend Benji Madden). "These stories have gotten out of control."

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McAvoy refuses to sell products

MOVIES Actor James McAvoy refuses to advertise products because he wants fans to concentrate on his movies — and not be side-tracked by promotions, imdb.com reports.

The Atonement star is suspicious of thespians who associate themselves with a certain brand, insisting that actors are not salesmen and he won't compromise his career to make extra money.

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Celebrity brief

HEALTH Turns out Amy Winehouse's dad may be the one blowing a little smoke these days, E! News Online reports. The singer's rep is saying the 24-year-old does not have emphysema, as her father told Britain's Sunday Mirror over the weekend.

Rather, she has "early signs of what could lead to emphysema," rep Tracey Miller said Monday.

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Michelle mad over Heath's will

DISPUTE Heath Ledger's father, Kim, mother, Emma, and other family members are flying to the United States from Australia for the Dark Knight premiere on July 14 for what some are calling a "sort of tribute" to him — but don't expect to see his ex, Michelle Williams, or daughter, Matilda, PageSix.com

reports.

An insider said, "Michelle is furious with Heath's family and threatening to boycott the premiere. Matilda is supposed to be the beneficiary of the will, but Michelle has seen nothing from them."

Ledger's will, made out in 2003 before Matilda was born, left everything to his father, mother and sisters.

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people

MOVIES Actress Keira Knightley was happy to film a sex scene for new movie The Edge Of Love — even though the naked romp was written by her mother, imdb.com reports. Knightley's mom, Sharmen Macdon-

ald, also served as a producer on the film. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Madonna, Guy to split after tour?

BREAKUP Madonna will split from her husband Guy Ritchie at the end of her forthcoming world tour, it has been claimed.

The singer and the film director have reportedly decided to end their seven-year marriage but will not make an announce-

ment until her Sticky and Sweet tour finishes in Mexico on Nov. 29, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

A source close to the couple told Britain's Daily Mirror newspaper: "Although the marriage is coming to an end, they don't want to say anything until the tour is over."

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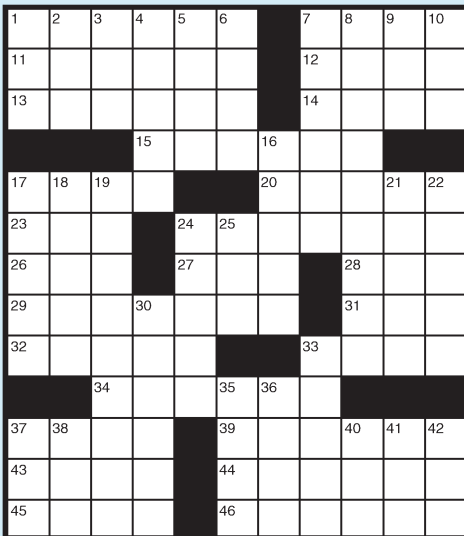


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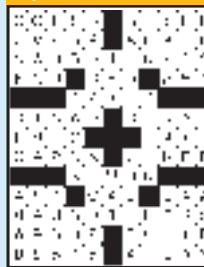
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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Brit. fliers | 21 Floppy topper |
| 2 Holiday lead-in | 22 Notions |
| 3 Hair goo | 24 Sheets |
| 4 Japanese film genre | 25 Paris pal |
| 5 Old letter | 30 Actor's comments |
| 6 Title page | 33 Future fungi |
| 7 Artemis's twin | 35 Ravines |
| 8 Mashies | 36 Golden Spike state |
| 9 Casino card | 37 Bad actor |
| 10 Hightailed it | 38 Early hour |
| 16 Sponge gently | 40 Fiction |
| 17 Woodland home | 41 Young man |
| 18 Texas landmark | 42 Retiring |
| 19 Poker, tongs, etc. | |

across»

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| 1 Look over | 23 "The Greatest" | 34 Total at the register |
| 7 Miles off | 24 Toiled | 37 Parka part |
| 11 Wide street | 26 Watering hole | 39 Coral isles |
| 12 Print measure | 27 "— Believer" | 43 One of the Brontës |
| 13 Stealthy | 28 Raw metal | 44 Outcast |
| 14 Kitchen fixture | 29 Parental warning | 45 Clutter |
| 15 Interfere | 31 Arts-funding org. | 46 Ally of "WarGames" |
| 17 Casual eatery | 32 Sleep inhibitor | |
| 20 Suspect's story | 33 Swift jets | |

previous answer

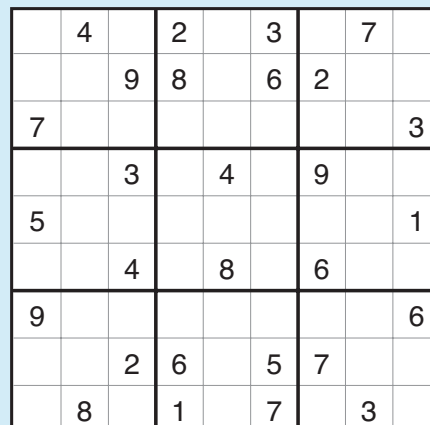


water gardens

enjoy
the pond
skip the hole
enjoy
gardening

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instructions»

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time»

Under 13 minutes
13-17 minutes
17-21
21-25
More than 25

Genius
Scholar
Smart
Pretty good
Keep practising

previous answer

9	5	4	8	2	6	1	7	3
3	6	2	5	1	7	4	9	8
1	7	8	3	4	9	6	5	2
6	2	1	7	8	3	5	4	9
8	9	7	1	5	4	2	3	6
5	4	3	9	6	2	7	8	1
4	8	5	6	9	1	3	2	7
2	3	6	4	7	8	9	1	5
7	1	9	2	3	5	8	6	4

HOROSCOPE



ARIES | March 21-April 20

Speedy thoughts will give you a chance to catch up. Tell people if you're uncertain about something. Juggle around with a work situation.



TAURUS | April 21-May 21

Somebody will comment on a family decision. Check out holistic medicine. Important messages will make you change your plans.



GEMINI | May 22-June 21

Friends will squirm over money issues. Your idealism will bring joy. Find a private place to work, away from prying eyes.



CANCER | June 22-July 22

A powerful person may not have your best interests at heart. You may have to work overtime. Terminate unprofitable associations.



LEO | July 23-Aug. 23

Show by your kindness that you've earned respect. Someone's sincerity will be unpleasant. An oddball's play raises eyebrows.



VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

A new object will be disappointing. Get away from your usual environment. A sweetheart will surrender to your touch.



LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

A friend's scheme will boost your bliss. Stand back when trouble walks in the door. Taking charge will cause a predicament.



SCORPIO | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Save time by understanding complications. Think hard before implementing a harsh plan. Run as wild and free as you can.



SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

You want to be taken care of for a change. Ask for assistance in an unstable situation. Find your way with somebody's help.



CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Brace yourself for a financial discussion. Your friends may want to gossip. Be more sophisticated if you want to appeal to the public.



AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

There'll be a sudden insight into a lost hope. Any problems that you are facing will be overcome. Tears of joy will fall.



PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Avoid using logic in a debate. An unfamiliar woman makes a serious effort to work wonders.

AVATAR VENUS

This Day IN HISTORY

June 25, 1938: Dr. Douglas Hyde is inaugurated the first president of Ireland.

of Anne Frank is published.

June 25, 1940: France formally surrenders to Nazi Germany.

June 25, 1993: Kim Campbell is chosen as leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada and becomes the first female prime minister of Canada.

June 25, 1947: The Diary

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Edmonton weather

Afternoon



Partly cloudy.
18°

Tonight



Rain.
Low 7°

Thursday



Mainly sunny.
20° / 9°

Friday



Partly cloudy.
23° / 11°

Saturday



Partly cloudy.
27° / 13°



Temperature
Normals
High: 21.2°
Low: 9.3°

Records
High: 30°/1912
Low: -2.2°/1887

Sunrise: 5:05 a.m.
Sunset: 10:07 p.m.
Moonrise: 12:46 a.m.
Moonset: 1:01 p.m.

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